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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 20, 2004, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b, transmittal of 12 sheets of formal drawings, comments on Examiner's reasons for allowance, and a check for \$1015 for the required issue fee and publication fee, including patent copies.

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed October 20, 2004, please substitute the enclosed 12 sheets of formal drawings for the corresponding drawings presently in the application.

Fig. 2 has been relabeled as Fig. 2A and Fig. 2B. MPEP 608.01(f) makes it clear that it is not necessary to amend the description of Fig. 2 in the specification. MPEP 608.01(f) states (emphasis added): "If a figure contains several parts, for example, figure 1A, 1B, and 1C, the figure may be described as figure 1. If only figure 1A is described in the brief description, the examiner should object to the brief description, and require applicant to either add a brief description of figure 1b and 1C or describe the figure as "figure 1."

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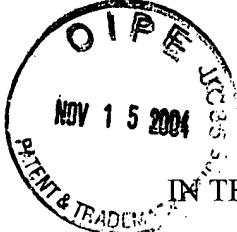
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Not all of the limitations recited in the first paragraph of the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance are recited in all independent claims. For example, claims 79 and 86 do not recite the second thermal sensor, and claims 87 and 89 do not require the second thermal sensor to be positioned at the sufficient distance from the surface. The remarks section of the Amendment dated July 12, 2004 explains the basis for allowability of the various independent claims.

Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicant does not concede that all of the identified limitations are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, dependent claims may be allowable on their own merits, and on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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